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Brig. Gen. John Jacobson, Jr., TAG
The Adjutant General
State Military Reservation
Airport Road
Concord, New Hampshire

Dear General Jacobson:

Sometime ago in a telephone conversation you asked the opinion of this office whether National Guard registration plates must be used on National Guard vehicles. Upon a consideration of the statutes, we are convinced that they are so required.

R.L. c. 118, s. 11 requires that motor vehicles owned and operated by the state -- while exempt from registration fees -- must be registered as any other motor vehicles are. R.L. c. 143, s. 99 must be deemed a modification of the previously cited law, allowing the Adjutant General to do his own registering of National Guard vehicles. It is very clear that section 99 was designed to deal with vehicles even though federally owned; thus reference is made to "vehicles issued to and used for the National Guard".

These provisions indicate beyond question that the Legislature intends National Guard vehicles to have affixed the distinctive plate.

Very truly yours,

Warren E. Waters
Deputy Attorney General

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